

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/494,332

Applicant(s)

GORMAN ET AL.

Examiner

Jeanine A Goldberg

Art Unit

1634

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jeanine A Goldberg.

(3) Sam Woodley.

(2) Gary Jones.

(4) Paul Fehlner.

Date of Interview: 13 December 2002.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____ .

Claim(s) discussed: all.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hans; Maertans; Backus, Nedjar.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Additional participants at the interview included Jeff Fredman and George Elliott. The obviousness rejections of record were discussed at length. Discussion of whether the specific primers chosen by applicants were obvious over the provided alignments, and whether multiplexing the primers was obvious to obtain the invention as a whole. Moreover, the declaration which had been previously filed was discussed.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

J. Goldberg
Examiner's signature, if required